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The Editor of the Lafavette Courier, alluding to the policy pursued by the Democratic party in Ohio, the table.

"Such a bold declaration of free, Democratic sentiment in Indiana, would be followed by like results as the message be printed. election in Ohio. A different policy may place us by the side of Wisconsin in an inglorious defeat."

In Wisconsin the Democratic party endorsed the compromise measures. The Whigs and Freesoilers united and elected a Whig Freesoiler for Governor. We are for union, which is success, and in relation to the compromise measures we are willing to yield our opinions so far as to adopt the declaration of Gen. Lane as the platform of the party, which is that "the compromise measares are all right, and that the fugitive slave law is the best one among them." The Courier has the name of Gen. Lane at the head of its columns, as a candidate for the Presidency, and we presume would be willing to make the opinions of the General the basis of our platform in Indiana, on which we can all unite. The compromise men two copies of each paper, enveloped, for each Senator. On motion of Mr. Dunn, three copies were substituted Courier man, we are sure cannot object. If the Gener. for two, and the resolution passed. al's language is too strong, we are willing further to Auditor of State. Laid on the table, and five hundred Smith of Spencer, Manson, Stevens, Cromwell and Wilyield and adopt the platform laid down by Gov. Wright, copies ordered to be printed. which we copy entire;

"Indiana holds him an enemy to the well-being of this Republic, who pursues any course tending to widen the the breach between the North and the South. Minor questions sink anto insignificance compared to the great paramount fluty of every American citizen, the preservation of the integrity of the American Union.

"Each and all of the laws constituting that compromise which has been as oil east upon the troubled waters, are assented to, and have been carried out, so far as they apply to us, in word and letter, according to the strictest judicial construction, by the citizens of our State. This has been done cordially and with as near an approach to hearty unanimity, as any measure enacted to reconcile similar sectional differences, can ever be ex-

" Indiana desires to see the compromises made under the Constitution, and expressly framed to carry into ef- table feet its provisions, remain undisturbed. She says to the South, as well as to the North, that these measures must keeper to procure for each member a copy of the Revistand-that this sectional controversy must not again be opened up-that time, as an element which enters into of the last Legislature. everything that is valuable, must test their wisdom and shall be made to revive this sectional agitation, Indiana rolling the acts of the last General Assembly.

She favors not, nor will she by her votes countenance those who favor the opening afresh, in any manner, under any pretence, the questions so recently and so hap-ply disposed of, let us hope, forever. Our duty is plain, abide by the past, sustain the measures faithfully, cease a pitation, and trust for the future to the intelligence and patriclism of the people, under the guidance of Provi-

More than a year ago, we openly and boldly declared our intention to adhere to the Compromise measures, and to oppose the repeal of the Fugitive Slave Law. We declared our fixed and determined purpose to oppose every candidate for office whose object was the further agitation of the vexed and exciting question of Slavery. We were charged by the Ellises, the Elders, and others, with attempting to interpolate the Democratic creed with our peculiar notions. We now propose, for the sake of union and harmony, to yield our own views and adopt the opinions of Gen. Lane and Gov. Wright on these questions. We ask the February Convention to pass no stronger resolutions. Having yielded this much, we hope we will be met with a similar spirit by those prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, the Governor delivered who have heretofore differed with us; and let no man Democratic creed."

The Richmond and Logansport Rail Road.

Some time since we published an article from the Rail Road Journal, commenting on the decision of the Tipton Circuit Court in relation to granting a perpetual injunction against the Logansport road crossing the Peruroad. At the time, we stated that we published it as an item of news, without intending to endorse the views of the Editor, or a Judicial question pending before the Supreme Court of Indiana. This act the Logansport Journal construes into evidence of our hostility to that road. That Editor does us great injustice, when he supposes our views and opinions are confined to the narrow limits of the city of Indianapolis. We have never examined was laid on the table. the charter of the Peru road. The rights of the company under that charter should be maintained, and if by its provisions, it has a vested right to prevent another road from crossing the track, that right should and most certainly will be fully sustained by the Court. We have no hesitation however, in saying that we are opposed to all such provisions. It is unjust and anti-Democratic. The lands go into an election for State Agent on Thursday next. of a private individual may be taken for the construction the 4th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M. of a road, and we would not grant to any corporation troduce "an act to provide for the election of Commisimmunities and privileges not enjoyed by the humblest sioners to revise, simplify, and abridge the rules and citizen in the State. Free trade and individual rights is practice and forms of Justice, and defining their duties," our motto. No monopolies-no special or exclusive privileges. Let all the roads be constructed. They will benefit the country. If the stock is unproductive it is the misfortune of the holder. It is however useless to tive or side bar opinions to avail any thing.

Convention at Centreville on last Saturday, to nominate delegates to attend the State Convention. Quite a number of delegates were appointed, who were instructed to support Gov. Wright for re-nomination. A series of resolutions were adopted. Among the rest is one in opposition to "new party tests" Notwithstanding this, we are confident the Democracy of Wayne county will the Weekly Volksblatt, at five cents each—and three conts each—and three conts are the Ways and Means.

Mr. Hudson presented a bill to extend the jurisdiction of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Masters in Chance-resolutions were adopted. Among the rest is one in opposition to "new party tests" Notwithstanding this, we are confident the Democracy of Wayne county will we are confident the Democracy of Wayne county will we seekly Volksblatt, at five cents each—and three conts each—A wraptor of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Masters in Chance-resolutions were adopted. Among the rest is one in opposition to "new party tests" Notwithstanding this, we are confident the Democracy of Wayne county will we are confident to a provide the first time.

Mr. Owen gave notice that on to-morrow or some subsequent day of the session, he would introduce a bill to appoint Commissioners to revise and simplify the laws of the Masters in Chance-resolutions were adopted. Mr. Doughty offered a resolution instructing the committee of seven to take charge of the Locomotive at three cents each. A wraptor of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Masters in Chance-resolutions were adopted. Mr. Doughty offered a resolution instructing the committee of seven to take charge of the Locomotive at three cents each. A wraptor of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Masters in Chance-resolution instruction to its way and means to inquire into the expedient and the providence of the Locomotive at three cents each. A wraptor of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Mr. Doughty offered a resolution instruction of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Mr. Doughty offered a resolution instruction of issuing writs of habeas corpus to Mr. Doughty offered a resolution instruction of issuing writs of habeas c we are confident the Democracy of Wayne county will be willing to adopt the platform laid down by Gov. Wright and Gen. Lane on the Compromise measures. Come, friend Elder, give us your hand. Don't ask us to yield anything more.

If We are requested to state that William F. Pidgeon, Esq., will be a candidate for Clerk of the Supreme two standing committees; which was concurred in. Court if nominated by the Democratic State convention, which assembles on the 24th February. Mr Pidgeon resides at Columbus, in Bartholomew county. He is a On motion of Mr. Milliken, one hundred copies of the gentleman of good character, standing and qualifications, order of business, was ordered to be printed.

INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 2, 1851. The President laid before the Senate a comrom the Evansyille Branch Bank, which was laid upon

Mr. Teegarden, from a joint committee, reported that Rev. Mr. Wilson would attend at half past nine to open the session with prayer.

Mr. Mickle, from a joint committee, reported that the Governor would deliver his annual message immediately eral Relations be appointed. Carried. Ayes 31—Noes

after prayer by Rev. Mr. Wilson. Mr. Turman offered a resolution instructing the doorkeeper to subscribe for one copy of each of the papers

published in the city for each member and officer of the Senate, which was adopted—ayes 25, noes 21.

A message was received from the House inviting the Senate to attend in the Hall instanter for the purpose of

pening the session with prayer, which was reciprocaan eloquent and appropriate prayer by Rev. Mr. Wilson, the Governor proceeded to read his annual message, after which the Senate returned to its Chamber.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Superintendant of Common Schools. Laid on

Also the Report of the Treasurer of State. Laid upon the table and 500 copies ordered to be printed. Mr. Turman, moved that 5000 copies of the Governor's

Mr. Millikin, moved to amend by striking out 5000 and inserting 2000. After some discussion, the whole motion was laid upon the table.
On motion of Mr. Dawson, a committee of five was

dered to be printed. appointed to inquire what standing committees are ecessary under the new Constitution Messrs, Dawson, McCarty, Berry, Secrest, and Holoway, were appointed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate adjourned.

Senate met. Mr. Turman offered a resolution instructing the Doorkeeper to make arrangements with the Postmaster for forwarding documents, papers, etc. Passed.

Mr. Milliken offered a resolution instructing the Doorkeeper to contract with the publishers of the Daily Sentinei, Daily Journal, Locomotive, and Statesman, for

Also, the report of the State Librarian. Laid on the table, and two hundred and fifty copies ordered to be

On motion of Mr. Milliken, the resolution for printing five thousand copies of the Governor's Message was taken from the table. Mr. Reid moved to amend by printing two thousand

in English, and five hundred in German; and also Washington's Address in English and German. Carried. The resolution was then adopted. Mr. Sleeth offered a resolution, that the Senate will,

the House concurring, go into the election of Agent of State, on to-morrow, at two o'clock. Adopted. Mr. Eddy moved a reconsideration of the vote adopt

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of a resolution by that body, to go into the election of Agent of State on Thursday. Laid on the Mr. Emerson offered a resolution instructing the Door-

sed Statutes of 1843, and the Local and General Laws Mr. Emerson offered a resolution that a committee of efficacy—that from whatever quarter of the Union efforts three be appointed to inquire into the expense of en-

Senate adjourned.

LOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TUESDAY, Dec. 2.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. On motion of Mr. English, the rending of that portion of the Journals relating to the election of officers, was Henry Brady, of Marion county, appeared, was quali-

fied and took his seat. The select committee appointed to wait upon the Rev. Mr. Wilson, reported that he would comply with the re-

Mr. Buskirk, from the select committee appointed to ascertain whether any additional standing committees would be required under the new Constitution, reported that two additional committees would be required to be called the committee on the "Rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the State," and a committee "on the organization of the Courts of Justice." Also to substitute a committee "on Banks," in lieu of the committee "on the State Bank of Indiana."

On motion, the Senate was invited to meet in the Hall of the House immediately. The Senators appearing and taking their seats, after

s annual message. On motion of Mr. Buskirk, the message was referred horeafter charge us with attempting to "interpolate the to the committee of the whole House, and made the or-

der of the day for Monday next. Mr. Hanna moved to print 10,000 copies of the Governor's message for the use of the members of the House. Mr. Owen moved to add, and 500 copies for the use of

he Executive, which addition was accepted.

Mr. Smith of Marion, moved to amend by adding, and 4,000 copins in the German language, which was agreed The motion as amended was then adopted. Mr. Spencer offered a resolution that the Clerk be authorized to employ additional aid, which was adopted.

Mr. Graham offered a resolution that the Door-keeper

be authorized to employ such additional aid as he should require. Lost. Oa motion, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Barker offered a resolution to go into an election

tion, was laid on the table. Mr. Beach offered a resolution to authorize the Door

was agreed to: Resolved. That the House will, the Senate concurring,

Mr. Smith, of Marion, asked and obtained leave to in-

&c., which was read the first time. Mr. English, from the select committee, to whom was referred tee resolution about contracting for city papers, made a report, accompanied by the following res which was adopted.

argue the question. The decision of the Supreme Court directed to contract for the following newspapers, for will be final and conclusive. It is too late for legisla- the use of the members of this House and their constit-

Three copies to each member of the Daily State Sen-The Democracy of Wayne county held their County of the Daily State Journal, at three cents each—three copies of the Weekly Statesman, to each of the memors, at five cents each—three copies to each member of the Weekly Volksblatt, at five cents each-and three Ways and Means.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3.

Senate met.

The bill to allow Joseph A. Messick compensation for fitting up the Senate Chamber, was read the third time and passed. Ayes 28—Noes 14.

Messrs. Dunn and Eddy expressed doubts of the constitutionality of the bill, and voted against it.

Mr. Dawson, from a special committee on Standing Committees, recommended the appointment of twenty-The President laid before the Senate the report of the Agent of State. Laid on the table, and five hundred opies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Turman, the Secretary proceeded arrangements with the Postmaster to forward documents,

Mr. Emerson moved that a standing committee on Fed-

Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. A message was received from the Honse inviting the Senate to attend in the Hall of the House, instanter, van. to proceed to the election of Agent of State, which was On Finance-Messrs. Winstandley, Walker, Dough reciprocated, and the Senate proceeded to the Hall, erty, Hester, Marshall, Cravens, Emerson, Niblack, and when Allen May was re-elected, having received 123 Reid. votes out of 141.

printing of the Report of the Agent of State was, on motion of Mr. Secrest, reconsidered, and the resolution On E

was laid on the table. On motion of Mr. Hicks, the vote on ordering the printing of 500 copies of the Report of the Commission ers of the Insane Asylum, was reconsidered, and the resolution laid on the table. The President laid before the Senate the Auditor's An-

Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

nual Report. Laid on the table, and 2,000 copies or-

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker then announced the following Standing

On Elections-Messrs. Donaldson, Bulla, Struble, Marrs. Donham, Crim and Bean. On Ways and Means-Messrs. Buskirk, Hunt, Nelson, Lewis, Torbett, Geddes, and Lindsey of Howard. On the Judiciary—Messrs. Holman, Gibson, Stanfield, Stuart, Gookins, Beach and Behm.

On Education-Messrs. Owen, Bryant, Mudgett, King, Davis of Franklin, Chowning and Glazebrook. On Banks-Messrs. Spencer, English, Helmer, Car-penter, Litchfield, Hudson and M'Connell. On Military Affairs-Messrs. Schoonover, Hanna,

On Canals and Internal Improvements-Messrs. Miller, Williams, Suit, Laverty, Doughty, Sweet and Rey-On Agriculture-Messrs. M'Allister, Thompson, Nel-

son, Ray, Bulla, Wells, and Hays of White. On Corporations-Messrs, Leviston, Kent, Summer, Stover, M'Dowell, Stanfield and Helmer. On Enrolled Bills-Messrs. Smith of Marion, Rey-

nolds, Harrison, Holliday of Blackford, Huey, Behm On Engrossed Bills-Messrs. Suit, Dyce, Davis Franklin, Morris, Cockrum, Scudder and Wilson. On Public Expenditures-Messrs. Humphreys, Holliday of Parke, Staten, Graham, Cowgill and Mudgett. On Benevolent and Scientific Institutions-Messrs.

Lewis, Hay of Clark, Kent, Beeson, Morris, Hunt and On Manufactures and Commerce-Messrs. M'Donald, Barker, Doughty, Mayfield, Foster, M'Dowell, and M'Carty, Crawford, Winstandley, Scerest, James, and

On the Affairs of State's Prison .- Messrs. Gibson Lindsey of Fayette, Goudy, Gunn, Ray, Hays of White, On the Affairs of the City of Indianapolis-Messrs. Brady, Graham, Douthit, Eccles, Porter, Scudder and

On Claims-Messrs. Dobson, Cockrum, Henry, Cowgill, Crawford, Mayfield and Hart. On Roads-Messrs. Huffstetter, Watson, Foster, Law-

rence, Withers, Hicks and Huey.

On the Rights and Privileges of the Inhabitants of the State-Messrs. Bryant, Owen, Glazebrook, Taggart, English, Shanklin and Lawrence. On the Organization of the Courts of Justice-Messrs. Stuart, Beach, Gookiss, Spencer, Gunn, Henry and keeper to procure a number of stamps for distribution

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES. On Public Buildings-Messrs. Huffstetter, Goudy and On the Canal Fund-Messrs. Carpenter, Hanna and

On the State Library-Messrs. Harrison, King, On motion, two hundred copies of the standing com- mail, at the expense of the State, all documents ordered mittees of the House, and its order of business, were to be printed. dered to be printed. The Speaker laid before the House a communication

from the Clerk, relative to contracting for city papers. Also, a report from the State Librarian. Also, a communication from the Banks of the State. Also, a report from the Agent of State.

Petitions Presented. By Mr. Graham, from Alexander M'Cragg and forty nine other citizens of Knox county, for a division of said county for judicial purposes. Referred to a select com-

By Mr. Harrison, from D. Hugart, agent of Porter county, to authorize the Commissioners of said county

to borrow money. Referred to a select committee.

The resolution of the Senate to go into an election for State Agent at two o'clock to-day, was concurred in.

Mr. Schoonover moved to reconsider the vote by which
the House limited the Doorkeeper to three assistants;
which was agreed to, and authorized him to employ the same number of assistants that were employed for the same purpose during the last session.

Mr. Behm offered a resolution to abolish Agent of State; which was laid on the table.

The bill for the appointment of three Commissioners to "revise, simplify and abridge the practice of law," etc., was read the second time, and referred to the judi-

Mr. Spencer moved a reconsideration of the vote by of State Agent to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which was laid on the table.

Mr. Williams offered a resolution authorizing the Door keeper to employ five abstall.

Mr. Spencer moved a reconsideration of the vote by a homestead exemption; of providing for the collection of all debts without appraisement; of preventing claimants from swearing to their own accounts, and that administrators are to receive no compensation for their

The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House convened at 2 o'clock. Mr. Hanna offered for adoption a resolution inviting the Senate into the House, instanter, for the purpose lecting an Agent of State. Agreed to. The two Houses then met in joint Convention and pro-

coeded to ballot for Agent of State.

Mr. Allen May having received a majority of all the rotes cast was declared duly elected. nade a report, accompanied by the following resolution, hich was adopted.

Mr. Gookins presented a bill to authorize the Clerks of the Circuit Courts to approve the bonds of Sheriffs, Coroners, and Recorders, which was read the first time.

Several resolutions were passed instructing the Comnittee on Courts of Justice, to enquire into the expedi-

The President, in pursuance of a resolution adopted Mr. Holloway presented the petition of Hugh Cull of mittee on the organization of courts, to report a bill tee on Military Affairs to adopt some means by which yesterday, appointed Messrs. Emerson, James and Knowlton, the committee to inquire into the expense of enrolling the acts of the last General Assembly.

Wayne county; which was laid on the table.

Mr. Secrest moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the acts of the last General Assembly.

to read the President's message.

The reading of the Message was interrupted by a message from the House, announcing that the resolution of the Senate, to go into the election of Agent of State to-day, at two o'clock, was reciprocated.

The reading of the Message being dispensed with,

Mr. France of the Message being dispensed with,

Mr. Berry moved to strike out five and insert three. corpus to r. After some discussion, on motion of Mr. Hanna, the committee. resolution and pending amendment were laid upon the

The President announced the following Standing Com

On Elections-Messrs. Logan, Teegarden. Hatfield, Davis, Knowlton, Kinnard, Allen, Goodman, and Dele-

On the Judiciary-Messrs. Hanna, Marshall, Slack, Mr. Mickle offered a resolution to appoint a commit-tee of eleven to district the State; adopted.

The vote on the passage of the resolution ordering the

On Corporations—Messrs. Eddy. Winstandley, Milli-ken, M'Carty, Mickle, Niblack, Sleeth, Dafrees, and

> On Education-Messrs. Athon, Woods, Mickle, Hicks. Dawson, Secrest, Turman, Winstandley, and Milliken.
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> On Roads—Messrs. Woods, Miller, Brugh, Davis,
> Delevan, Hatfield, Kendall, Henton, and Hickman. On the Benevolent Institutions of the State-Messrs. Sleeth, Woods, Athon, Teegarden, Crawford, Hunt, Hicks, Davis, and Witherow.

On Agriculture-Messrs. Holloway, Milliken, Henton, Odell, Delevan, Kendall, Goodman, Miller, and On Banks-Messrs, Dawson Marshall, Dunn, Berry, James. Walker, Alexander, Defrees, and Washburn.
On Manufactures-Messrs. Niblack, Emerson, Hick-

man, Mickle, and Saffer. On Printing-Messrs. Holloway, Turman, Berry, Emerson, Hanna, Hester, Defrees, Cravens, and Milli-

On Public Buildings-Messrs. Allen, Brugh, Hunt, Odell, Saffer, Washburn, M'Carty, Hatfield, and Dele-On the State Prison-Messrs. Athon, Cravens, Knowl ton, Marshall, Goodman, Henton, Hickman, and Spann. On Canals and Internal Improvements-Messrs. Cra.

vens, Spann, Crawford, Davis, Goodman, Knowlton, Miller, Hickman, Holloway, Hunt, Hicks, Hester, Dunn. Witherow, Odell, Kinnard, Kendall, Defrees, Slack, and the Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad Company. On the State Library-Messrs. Turman, Berry, Saffer, Witherow, and Walker. On the Town of Indianapolis-Messrs. M'Carty, Hat-

field, Hunt, Washburn, Henton, Kendall, Longshore, On Claims-Messrs, James, Logan, Crawford, Dunn, Longshore, Witherow, Marshall, Washburn, and Mil-

On Military Affairs-Messrs. Spann. Kinnard, Alexander, Knowlton, Henton, Goodman, Delevan, Brugh, On the Phraseology and Arrangement of Bills-Messrs. Reid, Holloway, Dunn, Defrees, Turman, Eddy, Secrest, Marshall, and Emerson. On the Organization of Courts-Messrs. Secrest, Dougherty, Hicks, Emerson, Hester, Defrees, Witherow,

On Enrolled Bills-Messrs. Alexander, Slack, and On Federal Relations-Messrs. Berry, Milliken, Mickle

On Public Buildings-Messrs. Teegarden, Spann, Alexander, Brugh, Kinnard, Longshore, and M'Carty.
On the Canal Fund-Messrs. Walker, Milliken, and

On the State Library-Messrs. Emerson, Mickle, and On Districting the State-Messrs. Mickle, James, Athon, Logan, Holloway, Sleeth, Niblack, Davis, Allen, Eddy, and Brugh. The President laid before the Senate reports from se

veral Branches of the State Bank; which were referred to the Committee on Banks. Mr. Athon offered a resolution directing the Doormong the Senators.

Mr. Emerson moved to amend by adding "at the ex-

pense of the members." The resolution and amendment were laid on the ta Mr. Reid offered a resolution instructing the commit tee on Printing to carefully examine every document laid before them; and that Senators be authorised to

Mr. Emerson moved to amend by striking out so much of the resolution as provides for pre-paying postage at the expense of the State. Not adopted—Ayes 20, Nocs After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. Cravens, the resolution was laid on the table.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate adjourned.

Mr. Emerson offered a resolution instructing the committee on Benevolent Institutions to report a bill to amend Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, of the act for the government of the Indiana Hospital for the Insane. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, December 4.

The House met. Mr. Gibson offered a resolution instructing the judi ciary committee to report a bill defining crimes and misdemeanors, and providing for the punishment there-

ciary committee to enquire into the expediency of so amending the probate law as to do away with any administration on all estates where the property does not amount to over \$300, which amount shall be the property of the family, free from all debts? Of providing for

Mr. Glazebrook offered a resolution requiring the Speaker to appoint a standing committee on swamp Mr. Brady offered a resolution instructing the committee on roads to so revise the road law as to make the

ocal and special laws, general; passed. Mr. Mudget reported a resolution, that a select committee be appointed to divide the State into Congres-Mr. Barker offered a resolution to instruct the judi-ciary committee to enquire into the expediency of abol-

shing the present grand jury system.

Mr. Brady moved to amend, so as to read, modify or abolish the present grand jury system. committee be required to report a law appointing three commissioners to revise, simplify and abridge the laws

bill relative to the repairing and building bridges across the White Water Valley Canal by the Company.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the Auditor of State—referred to the committee. nents, provided the sar a can be procurred on the terms bill to provide for the appointment of a Reporter for mittee on the organization of courts of justice, to in-

er to appoint a committee of seven to take charge of ed.

courts of justice, were authorized to employ a clerk.

Mr. Behm offered a resolution instructing the com

providing for the examination of lunatics who may de- the strength of the militia of the State may be ascertain-

prove the bonds of sheriffs, coroners and county record- ance, to which may be referred petitions, &c., on the

ers; referred to judiciary committee.

An act to proceed against the White Water Valley
Canal Company for failing to repair or build bridges;
referred to judiciary committee.

An act to extend the jurisdiction of writs of habeas

An act to extend the jurisdiction of writs of habeas

corpus to masters in chancery; referred to judiciary Also a communication from the Governor, enclosing a committee. An act to allow J. A. Messick compensation for fit- law. ting up Senate Chamber.

from the Indiana Hospital for the Insane; laid on the Lost. The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9

After some discussion and further amendments, the report was concurred in.

Mr. Millikin offered a resolution instructing the committee on finance to inquire whether any amendments to the assessment law are required to equalize the assessment of property; which was adopted.

ment of property; which was adopted.

A message was received from the House announcing the appointment, on the part of the House, of a com-mittee to revise the joint rules for the government of the two Houses, and requesting the appointment of a similar committee on the part of the Senate; which was reciprocated, and Messrs. Mickle, Emerson and Dunn, ap-

Mr. Emerson introduced a resolution instructing the udiciary committee to inquire whether the terms of of. from the State Bank. fice of Circuit Judges, appointed by the Governor since the adjournment of the last General Assembly to fill va. Blind. cancies occurred since that time, extend beyond the final adjournment of the present General Assembly; and whether it is not incumbent upon the present General Assembly to fill the vacancies by an election.

Mr. Holloway offered a resolution instructing the committee on finance to inquire into the expediency of ap-pointing a State Board of Equalization. Mr. Berry introduced a bill to provide for the sale of County Seminary Lands and apparatus. Mr. Brugh introduced a bill to amend the charter

Senate adjourned.

The President laid before the Senate reports from semittee on banks.

Also, the report of the Trustees and Superintendant of the Blind Asylum; which was laid on the table. On motion of Mr. Mickle, the Doorkeeper was instructed to furnish each Senator with a copy of the sta-tistical tables of the Seventh Census of Indiana, if they shall be in the State Library and not otherwise appro-

The Senate resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Governor's message, which was referred to different and appropriate committees; when the committee rose, reported progress, and was discharged.

Mr. Millikin moved that the Doorkeeper be instructed to contract with the publisher of the Volksblatt for three

copies of that paper for each Senator. The resolution was modified so as to provide for papers for each Senator, enveloped and stamped. Mr. Emerson moved to strike out "stamped." Lost. Mr. Dawson moved to amend by confining the copies to those Senators who desire to receive them. Laid on

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Mickle, from the joint select committee on rules, reported several amendments to the joint rules of The report was concurred in, and the rules as amend-

ed were adopted.

Mr. Reid introduced a bill for the organization of a county court of the nature of a court of common pleas, for each county in the State. A message was received from the House announcing the passage of a resolution by that body to go into the election of a director of the State Bank on Monday next

at two o'clock, which was concurred in. Mr. Emerson offered a resolution instructing the judi- Central Committee, and his Excellency Gov. Jos. A. ciary committee to inquire whether the new Constitution Wright: repealed the local laws upon the subjects upon which local legislation is prohibited by the Constitution, and if Excv. Jos. A. WRIGHT:

Mr. Niblack offered a resolution that so much of the Governor's message as refers to the pardoning power, be referred to the judiciary committee. Adopted.

Mr. Hicks offered a resolution instructing the committee on Benevolent Institutions to inquire into the expediency of condensing into one act all laws for the gov-ernment of the several benevolent institutions of the ures," so called, which were enacted at the first session

State. Adopted. Senate adjourned till Monday morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, Dec. 5, 1851.

The Speaker announced the following additional com-On Swamp Lands-Messrs. Miller, Williams, Sweet, McDonald, Marrs, Hicks and Crawford. On Public Printing—Messrs. Beach, Hay of Clarke, Harrison, Beeson, Torbet, Struble and Geddes. On Dividing the State into Congressional Districts—

Schoonover, Hart, Doughty, Smith of Marion, Donaldson, Humphreys and Stover. Petitions Presented. By Mr. Leviston, from B. Dorson and fifteen others of side of each of the above questions. Allow me to hope Union county, asking the passage of a special act for the that you will favor me with as early an answer as your support of a widow By Mr. Sweet, from Jno. Thompson and eight others, a special act for the transfer of land, the owner being an

Messrs. Mudget, Holliday of Parke, Barker, Stevens,

By Mr. Davis of Franklin, from citizens of said county, for the sale of School Lands.

Mr. Gookins, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill to allow Masters in Chancery to issue writs of habeas corpus, &c., which was passed to a second reading. of the 17th inst.

Resolved, That a committee of three on the part of the House, be appointed to act with a similar committee in May 1850, and to Dr. Berry, in July 1850, and my on the part of the Senate, to revise the joint rules, and annual message in December, 1850, can scarcely need he Senate be requested to reciprocate.

The report and resolution was adopted.

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I am opposed to the agitation, or opening up, of any one of these measures; including the Fugitive Slave Law, not because I endorse its details as perfect, but Mr. Gibson offered a preamble and resolution request-ing the Supreme Court to furnish the House with infor-sult from its amendment, would be more than countermation relative to the number of cases on the docket. balanced by the certain evils of its agritation.

mittee on Roads to enquire into the expediency of re-porting an act of a general nature for the government of Plank Roads; passed.

they embrace, as asking them to say that every word and letter is just as they would have made it. This is not the point. It is that the settlement effected of these Plank Roads; passed.

Mr. Glazebrook offered a resolution requesting the Mr. Glazebrook offered a resolution requesting the Committee on Ways and Means to report a bill for a uniform mode of assessing property by townships; pass- who have the welfare of the whole country at heart, as

Mr. Buskirk offered a resolution instructing the Com. tions it embraces" and that further agitation of the quesmittee on Ways and Means to report a bill for the elec- tion shall cease. tion of County Assessors; passed.

Mr. English offered the following resolution, which

make 10 per and the committee on Ways and Means the directed to report to this House at as early a period to as convenient, a bill so modifying the present revenue asystem as to authorize the Boards doing business in the several counties in this State in which there may be a Railroad. Plank road or Canal, to assess a tax for convenient, and the necessity, for the peace and harmony of the Union, that they should be maintained.

I need hardly add, that, entertaining such views, as a candidate, I should advocate the adjustment made by Congress, and deprecate its disturbance in any manner, and the necessity of these measures, and the necessity of these measures, and the necessity of these measures. tees on ways and means, and on the organization of mittee on Roads and Canals to report a bill for a general road law, which was agreed to.

Mr. Smith of Marion offered a resolution, instructing al road law, which was agreed to.

On motion the House adjourned.

SENATE.

Thursday, Dec. 4.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Insane. Laid on the Hospital for the Insane. Laid on the table.

mittee on ways and means to inquire into the expedient of inquire into the expedient of inquire into the expedient of the expedient of the expedient of the season, he would introduce a resolution that the committee on Branch Plank road or Canal, to assess a tax, for country, in the Railroad, Plank road or canal, in proportion to the length or value thereof, in each country, in the same manner as other property now subject to taxation. Mr. Hay of Clark, offered a resolution that the committee on Benevolent and Scientific Institutions be requested to report a bill to allow applicants to enter the Lunatic Asylumn; passed.

Mr. Hanna offered a resolution requesting the Committee on ways and means to inquire into the expedient. And the expedient of the expedient o

Bills on their second reading.

An act to authorize the clerks of circuit courts to ap-

mg up Senate Chamber.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication the House adopted the resolution offered by Mr. English.

Mr. Holman offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Ways and Means to report a bill to organize a

Board of equalization. Adopted.

Mr. Torbet offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the committee on ways and means to report FRIDAY, December 5.

Mr. Milliken, from the committee on rules, made a report recommending several amendments to the rules of the last session.

Instructing the committee on ways and means to report a bill for the re-appraisement of the real estate in 1863.

Mr. Owen introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of Commissioners to revise, simplify and abridge, and reduce into a systematic code the statute laws of the

Mr. Dobson moved to amend by adding the words

the auditors and treasurers, or a majority of them," after the word "clerks;" which was agreed to. Mr. Stuart moved to amend by striking out the words "clerks, auditors, and treasurers, or a majority of them," and insert "board of commissioners."

The amendment, after some debate, was agreed to,

and the bill passed—ayes 90, noes 1.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication Also, a communication from the Institution for the

Mr. Brady offered a resolution to go into the election of a Director for the State Bank on Monday at 2 o'clock, which was adopted. Mr. Beach offered a resolution making it the duty of assessors to appraise the real estate of their counties.

The House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The House met. Mr, Buskirk asked and had the rules suspended, to make a report from the select committee on Joint Rules. The report was concurred in.

The House then went into committee of the Whole, Mr. English in the Chair, having under cothe annual message of the Governor, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported sunveral Branch Banks; which were referred to the com- dry resolutions, referring the Governor's message to standing and select committees. The Speaker announced the following select commit-

tees appointed under resolutions of the House; On Temperance.-Messrs. Gunn, Bryant, Lindsey of Fayette, Helmer and Wilson. On Fees and Salaries of Officers.—Messrs. McCon-nel, McAllister, English, Stanfield, Holman, Buskirk,

Smith of Spencer. Mr. Miller offered for adoption the following resolu-Resolved. That the Judiciary committee be instructed. that in framing a bill defining erimes and misdemeanors

Hostetter, Dice, Goudy, Morris, Spencer, Major, and

and providing for the punishment thereof, they provide for dispensing with the Grand Jury, and for the public investigation of all criminal accusations.

Mr. Gibson moved to lay the resolution on the table. Mr. Kent demanded the year and noes, which resulted-yeas 51, noes 45.

The House adjourned.

Note.—In the report of the proceedings of the House for Thursday, Mr. Nelson is reported as presenting a resolution, relative to the settlement of estates, against giving compensation to administrators. The resolution was, that administrators are to receive no compensation for their services until after the final settlement of

[From the Rushville Jacksonian.]

Important Correspondence.

We call the careful attention of our readers to the following important correspondence between Finley Bigger, Esq., chairman of the Rush county Democratic

REPORTER.

RUSHVILLE, Nov. 17, 1851. repealed, whether the general laws of the State on those | Preliminary to the appointment of delegates to the State Convention, in order to the nomination of a State

> of the last Congress, connected with the institution of 2d. Are you in favor of the passage of resolutions by the ensuing Democratic State Convention, endersing those measures, and particularly the fugitive slave iaw by name, as it is the only measure of the series,

upon which there is now any serious division of senti ment in the free States? 3d. If re-nominated for the Gubernatorial chair, will you in the succeeding canvass, take open ground in favor of these measures, the finality of the settlement thereby effected, and against further slavery agitation? Permit me to assure your Excellency, that these in-terrogatories are put in no spirit of captiousness or disregard to yourself, personally or politically. They are in substance the same as propounded to our candidate for a Congressional nomination in this District last spring, and I need not add, that our nominee took unequivocally what would be regarded as the affirmative

convenience will permit. With sentiments of great esteem and regard, FINLEY BIGGER

Chairman Dem. Central Committee. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, Nov. 18, 1851.

Mr. Buskirk, from the select committee to revise the Standing Rules of the House, made a report, changing been in favor of the compromise measures passed by the somewhat the rules of last session, accompanied by the late Congress. I was in favor of them before their passage. I have been in favor of them ever since. Those who have examined my address to Governor Crittenden, further evidence on this subject.

I approve the sentiment so well expressed by the able Mr. Nelson offered a resolution requesting the Governor to report any information he may have relative to
the Swamp Lands. Adopted.

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> 'a final settlement of the dangerous, and exciting ques-I hold it to be both right and expedient, that our part when assembled in a State or National capacity, shou